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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy to the DCI for the Intelligence  
Community

THROUGH: Chief, Product Review Division

SUBJECT: Conversation with Colonel Clint Granger

1. While you were conversing with [redacted] I was with  
Colonel Clint Granger (EOB 375, [redacted] and [redacted]  
[redacted] He gave me a copy of  
a draft memorandum (which [redacted] probably gave you as well but  
which I am attaching in case he did not).

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2. We agreed that there should be some words added  
about updating the information from time to time.

3. I suggested that it would be nice to have some  
"connectivity" information, that is, who do the various watch  
centers communicate with primarily. He agreed but suggested  
that such a request might be too much to ask on the first  
go around. He suggested we save that question for the second  
step. I agreed.

4. Colonel Granger wants to see what response they get  
and from that make a judgment as to whether the project can  
be done within the government or whether an outside contractor  
might be necessary to help in the next step.

5. Colonel Granger wonders where the work will actually  
be done, whose computer will be used, whether we will be able  
to include the effort under our budget. I restated our fears  
of being accused (wrongly, of course) of dabbling in domestic  
affairs if we did anything but contribute advisory support.  
He recognizes the problem.

6. He brought up his primary interest in the national  
nervous system project which is the case of crises related  
to terrorism, particularly of a domestic type.

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7. I told him I would relay this information to you immediately. Perhaps we should have a talk about your conversation with Ober.



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Attachment - As Stated

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ALL EXECUTIVE BRANCH DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

SUBJECT: Directory of Executive Branch Watch Centers

International crises affecting the United States generally require the coordinated response of a variable and unpredictable combination of Executive Branch departments and agencies, including those primarily engaged in domestic programs. Watch centers play a key role in alerting the senior officials of many departments and agencies to developing international crisis situations and coordinating the response of the government. There does not currently exist, however, a central directory which lists all of these centers, particularly those of departments and agencies which are not normally involved in international crises. In order to correct this deficiency, the National Security Council Staff has undertaken a project to compile such a central directory and your assistance in this effort is requested.

The central directory will identify all major watch centers within the Executive Branch, both in the US and overseas. It will briefly outline the principal responsibilities of these centers and indicate their normal operating hours. It will also list their phone numbers and message addresses. The directory will not attempt to outline how various watch centers would interact under various sets of circumstances, however. Distribution of the directory, and instructions on how it will be systematically updated on a periodic basis, will be determined at a later date.

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Your department or agency is requested to forward the following information  
to my office, as appropriate:

1. The name and location of all major watch centers maintained  
by your department or agency, both overseas and domestic;
2. A brief description of the organization and principal responsibilities  
of these watch centers;
3. The normal operating hours of each watch center;
4. All telephone numbers (both secure and commercial) and  
message addresses through which each watch center can be contacted;
5. If no formal watch centers are maintained, indicate any system  
(e.g., duty officers) through which senior department or agency personnel  
can be contacted, especially during non-duty hours.

In order to assist you in the above task, the above information (attached)  
has been compiled for the White House Situation Room to serve as an example.

Your reply, including negative ones, to the above requirement is requested  
by \_\_\_\_\_. Thank you for your assistance in this effort.

Jeanne W. Davis  
Staff Secretary